GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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MEAL THROUGH ANGANWADI PROJECT
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the kids belonging to the tribal and rural areas of the country are not getting the benefit of meals through Anganwadi project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to provide special facilities covering all the children, pregnant women of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide facilities to the children and women?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a)&(b) Supplementary nutrition is provided to all children, including those from tribal and rural areas, coming to the Anganwadi Centre.

(c),(d),(e)&(f) The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, which is an ongoing scheme, provides a package of six services comprising supplementary nutrition, immunization, health check-up, referral services, pre-school and non-formal education and nutrition & health education with a view to improve the nutritional and health status of children below 6 years of age and pregnant women and lactating mothers.

At present, therefore, there is no other proposal under consideration of the Government.